

LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

Dr. Priddy Meek's Pioneer Farmstead Park



Governor Leavitt (center in white shirt), Commissioner Cary Peterson (second from right), Representative Bud Bowman (far right) and others break ground at the Pioneer Farmstead.

Description: This project will provide the community, public, elementary and high school students with an outdoor educational learning center which will utilize the natural vegetation, landscaping and historical features of the 3-acre property.

Location: Parowan, Utah.

Acreage: 3 acres

Grant funding: \$12,500

Total Project Cost: \$133,500

Grant Awarded: August 2000

Land Ownership: Parowan City

Conservation Easement Held by: Parowan Heritage

Foundation

Local Support: Rep. Bud Bowman, Parowan City,

Division of Wildlife Resources

Public Benefits

Historical Significance: The upper half of the property houses the 1850's restored log cabin of southern Utah's first doctor, Dr. Priddy Meeks, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, a 100-year-old barn and several out buildings.

Recreation: This project will provide opportunities for elementary and high school students to study the area and participate in replanting native vegetation and ongoing maintenance of vegetation and agriculture study plots and learn more about land conservation uses and benefits. The pioneer farmstead and an urban fishery will be linked by a trail system and interpretive signs.

Agricultural Land: The pioneer farmstead area will be restored back to its original use including agriculture and natural vegetation study plots.

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